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Meeting

NOTES ON MEETING HELD IN COL. WHITE'S OFFICE

JUNE 7, 1954

Present: Col. White, and Messrs. Saunders and [REDACTED], CIA;
Messrs. Macy, Perry, and Hamilton, Budget Bureau

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I. 1956 Planning Figure

1. It was agreed that a planning figure for NOA will be used and that no attempt will be made to place internal limitations on that figure. No personnel ceiling will be attached to the planning figure, although further consultation on 1955 and 1956 employment targets is contemplated.

2. Timing

a. Dulles-Hughes meeting for week of June 14, if possible (BOB staff to arrange);

25X1A9a b. [REDACTED] needs final figure by July 12, in order to get office allowances out by July 19.

3. It was agreed that the two staffs would develop jointly an agenda for the meeting between the two Directors. This agenda would include matters it is known that DCI wishes to raise with the Budget Director.

II. Outlook for 1956

As background to the proposed meeting, Col. White indicated that no substantial change in departmental requirements was anticipated. On the Plans side, expansion may be requested in two areas.

III. 1955 "No-Year Money" Arrangement

Col. White indicated that the letter from the House Committee was so-worded as to indicate prior no-year funds would be available for reserve through 1955 only. This was in variance to the oral understanding reached during the hearings.

Bureau staff suggested that this point be clarified with the Committee.

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IV. Survey by Bureau Staff on DD/P Side

Mr. Macy outlined the Bureau's need for further orientation by the staffs and divisions in the Plans area. He also requested a meeting with someone who could describe the status of certain plans.

Col. White agreed to arrange in the immediate future a meeting between Bureau staff and Mr. [REDACTED] (1) to discuss the [REDACTED] and (2) to arrange for the survey.

V. DCI Briefing of NSC

The invitation extended to Mr. Dulles to brief the NSC on the Bureau's study of the intelligence community was discussed. Col. White outlined the difficulties in preparing Mr. Dulles for this assignment. It was agreed that Bureau staff would provide an expanded definition of the scope of the study and suggestions for comment on the tabular results.

VI. Defense Transfer of Far East Operation

Col. White read excerpts from a report prepared by the PM staff on the status of the transfer of a certain operation from CIA to Defense. The sense of the report was that Defense is reluctant to assume responsibility until all arrangements for the transfer of personnel and assets are concluded. It was pointed out by those in the meeting that this deviates from the normal pattern whereby a transfer of responsibility precedes the transfer of the wherewithal. The report indicated that latest estimates are that transfer negotiations cannot be concluded until about the first of the year. Since this leaves a period during which responsibility for the operation may be less than clear, Mr. Dulles has requested his staff to seek expeditious handling of the matter in Defense.

Bureau staff agreed to explore ways in which they could assist in speeding the conclusion of the transfer.

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